(d) whether the results obtained till now are satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Department of Ocean Development has organised seven Scientific Expeditions to Antarctica so far. The expenditure incurred during these expeditions have been as follows:—

	(Rs. in crores)
First Expedition . . .	1.90
Second Expedition . .	1.95
Third Expedition . . .	5.70
Fourth Expedition . .	6.20
Fifth Expedition . . .	5.74
Sixth Expedition . . .	5.12
Seventh Expedition . .	6.2 0

(b) The expenditure during the next five years will depend upon the availability of funds for this programme in the next plan.

(c) Scientific Expeditions to Antarctica are aimed at giving opportunities to young Indian scientists to work in the frontier areas of Antarctic Research. Through these expeditions, our scientists have obtained a first hand knowledge of the area in the fields of geology, geophysics, meteorology, biology, oceanography, geomagnetism atmospheric physics etc. These expeditions have generated a wealth of useful information or the development of infrastructure and living and working facilities in the continent. The continued interest in this programme will enable India to have a share as and when the exploitation of minerals occurs in Antarctica. The Antarctic Minerals Regime has been finalised and adopted on 2nd June, 1988.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Allocation of fund for Hi-Technology

502. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allocate Rs. 500 crores for hi-technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any special procedure will be adopted to ensure the import of the latest technology and proper use of the allocated funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount spent on space programme

503. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent on the Space Programme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the outlay for the next three years; and

(c) whether Government have made any assessment to find out if the results of the programme are commensurate with the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The total amount spent on Space Programme during the last five years i.e., from 1983-84 to 1987-88 is Rs. 1230.78 crores.